(c) The financial performance of the banks is not adversely affected in view of the fact that banks decide to deploy their funds in their commercial judgement with a view to optimising their returns.

Impact of Shortfall in collection of Central Taxes on States

2228. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States have to suffer in meeting their plan targets on account of shortfall in the anticipated collection of Central Taxes;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering a system to earmark lumpsum fund for the States so that their plan size is not affected due to shortfall in the collection of Central Taxes; and

(c) whether the Central Government would make up for the shortfall particularly for the special category States as their resource base is very narrow and they arc not in a position to cover the shortfall through internal resource generation?

THE MINISTER OF FINACNE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) States' share in the sharable taxes and duties i.e. Income-tax, Basic Excise Duties, Additional Excise Duties in lieu of Sales Tax is based on the actual collections of these taxes and duties and paid to the States as per the recommendations of the Finance Commission. The actual collection-may be higher or lower than the estimated collections in the Budget. Shortfall in a State's share in Central taxes may be only one of the several contributory factors leading to slippage in the State Plan target. Other factors could be increase in the non-Plan expenditure and/or the State's inability to meet its target or resource mobilisation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There can not be a general commitment to fill in the resource gap in its entirety.

Scooter Taxi Charges for Attending Office on Holidays

2229. DR. D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that for attending office on holidays, including Saturdays and Sundays, scooter/taxi charges are reimbursed to the Central Government employees;

(b) whether there is any monetary limit for the said expenditure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT' SINHA): (a) to (c) Conveyance hire charges actually paid can be reimbursed to gazetted employee who performs a journey in the public interest or a non-gazetted employee summoned to office, on holidays including Saturdays/Sundays, when official transport is not' made available; subject to certain conditions such as:—

(i) No travelling allowance under TA Rules is claimed;

(ii) The total amount reimbursed in any month shall; not exceed Rs. 150/-;

(iii) In the case of a non-gazetted employee, he is not granted any compensatory leave or any special remuneration; and

(iv) Conveyance hire reimbursable shall be the fare by bus, tram, local train or a combination of these if the place to be visited is connected by any of these public conveyances.

Limit on Reimbursement of Scooter/Taxi Charges

* 2230. DR. D. MASTHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during office hours for attending to official work taxi/scooter charges are reimbursed to